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At the Meeting of the Franklin Lyceum, April 22, 1850,

Ordered, That the Committee on By-Laws be a Committee to procure the printing of the Charter and revised By-Laws, and in connection therewith a complete list of all members.

Attest,

CYRUS G. DYER, *Scr'y.*

A. C. Greene, Printer,
15 Market Square.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

The Franklin Lyceum was established in the summer of 1831, by Levi H. Holden, Daniel A. Jackson, and William B. Shove. By the records of 21st April, 1832, the Society then consisted of Messrs. Holden, Jackson, Shove, Charles Cushing, Frank Cushing, Crawford Nightingale and Geronimo Urmmeneta. At the meeting April 28, 1832, the name of "Providence Lyceum" was adopted, but this on the 22d December following, was changed to that which it has since borne, of "Franklin Lyceum." In July, 1833, the Society consisted of thirteen Resident and two Corresponding Members. In April, 1835, after having been previously located, for different periods, in three other places, the first at the house of Mr. Shove, they removed to theDeWitt building in Waterman Street,when first in the smaller room and afterwards in the enlarged and spacious hall, they continued until within a short time past. During this period many interesting anniversaries occurred, and other events in the history of the Society, but upon which, our limits here, will not allow us to dwell. In 1843, an act of incorporation from the Legislature was obtained, the Society at that time numbering, according to the list compiled with the Constitution and By-Laws then published, thirty-one Resident and twenty-four Corresponding Members, the latter, nearly all of them, having previously been resident members, but had removed from the city. In the fall of 1848, having received a large accession of members, from a Society formed a short time before, and called the "Westminster Lyceum," but which now-merged their name and existence in ours, it was decided to remove to a more central location, and on the 1st of January, 1849, the Society held their first meeting in the beautiful hall in Market Square, which they now occupy.

The Society having by their vote authorized this publication of the Constitution, By-Laws, and List of Members, the Committee

have also inserted what they deem will serve to make it more interesting, a tabular list of the four principal officers, and a list of the public lectures that have been delivered before the Society. The list of members published herewith, as it commences with the formation of the Society, comprises, as will be observed, a large number who are not now active members, but to these in order to obtain the whole number that have joined should be added, with the exception of a few as mentioned in the note, those in the list of corresponding members, who had all previously been resident members. The whole number thus obtained is one hundred and sixty-eight, while of the present active members the number is seventy-two. This, although very far less than it ought to be, yet presents a gratifying increase compared with the small beginning, and progress from time to time which we have traced, and from which we may favorably hope for the future. Perhaps we ought not to conclude these brief remarks without a passing tribute to the memory of those on our list whom the hand of death has removed from us in the course of years. Conspicuous among these are the names of *Allen* and *Burnett* for their devotion to the interests of the society, and the excellencies of character, which endeared them to all who knew them. No record of the Society's history would be complete, which did not make mention of their labors, sacrifices and virtues.

CHARTER.

General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, January Session, 1843,

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FRANKLIN LYCEUM.

SECTION I.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly as follows. viz: That Charles Burnett, Jr., Henry B. Metcalf, William M. Rodman, Walter W. Updike, Benjamin G. Godfrey, James L. King, Edward A. Greene, Robert Manton, John Dean, Charles H. Mason, George Thurber, William B. Shove, Isaac Proud, Daniel W. Vaughn, Richard E. Hamlin, Thomas L. Dunnell, Albert Dailey, William Knowles, Augustus Whitman, William Whitaker, Walter C. Simmons, James Chace and Nathan Stevens, all of Providence;and such others as now are,or hereafter may be,admitted members of this Society,be,and they hereby are, constituted, created and made, a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession, by the name and style of the Franklin Lyceum, with full power to make and ordain, alter and amend such By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations for their government, as they may think necessary, the same not being contrary to the laws of this State: and they are empowered by the aforesaid named to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to hold and enjoy any kind of Estate, real or personal, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, whether

obtained by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise, and to dispose of,and convey the same at pleasure: to have a common seal, which they may alter or change, as they may think proper; and the following shall be their present

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the Franklin Lyceum.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Lyceum shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Cabinet Keeper and Standing Comiittee, all of whom shall be elected annually by a majority of the members present, at an annual meeting, and always by ballot.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular meetings of the Society, to preserve order, to put questions to vote, and to give the casting vote.

ARTICLE IV.

In the absence of the President, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the Vice President; and in the absence of both, a Chairman shall be elected by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of all the proceeding of the Society, to take charge of all papers and documents and generally to perform all the duties appertaining to the office of Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to keep all accounts, pay all bills when properly audited, collect all fines, receive all monies belonging to the Society, and to report the state of the Treasury, at every annual meeting, or oftener if required.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to take charge of the Library, and enforce such laws as the Society may adopt, concerning its regulation, and to make ah annual report of the state of the Library.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Cabinet Keeper, to preserve order in the arrangement of the Cabinet of mineral, and other collections, and to make an annual report of the state of the Cabinet.

ARTICLE IX.

The Standing Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to have the care of all property, not assigned to any other custody; to propound persons for admission, to examine, audit, and certify all accounts against the Society, before they are paid; and to report annually.

ARTICLE X.

The annual meeting of the Society, shall take place on the first Monday Evening in January, when an election of officers shall be made.

SECTION II.

The foregoing act and everything therein contained, shall be forever hereafter subject to all acts of the General Assembly, in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Members of this Lyceum shall be termed Resident Members, being such as pay full taxes; Corresponding Members, or such as reside at a distance from the city of Providence; Honorary Members, being admitted such in consequence of their Literary or Scientific attainments; and Fine Members, or such as pay one-half the tax assessed upon Resident Members.

Section 2. All candidates for membership of either class, shall be propounded by the Standing Committee, at a regular meeting, at least one week before admission, and always to be elected by ballot,

Section 3. All propositions for Membership shall be in writing with the name of the person proposing the same, and three other persons as referees, and no candidate shall become a member against whom five ballots may be cast, nor until he has subscribed to the Constitution, and paid two dollars into the Treasury.

Section 4. A Resident member, on removing from the City, or its vicinity, with the intention of residing abroad, by giving notice of his intention to the Secretary, and by the payment of his arrears to the Treasurer, may become a corresponding member; and a corresponding member on removing to the City or its vicinity, with the intention of residing permanently therein, may become a resident member, by payment of the initiation fee, and by subscribing to the Constitution: and if such corresponding member, shall have been a

resident member, he may resume his resident membership without payment of the initiation fee, or again signing the Constitution, by giving notice to the Secretary of his intention thereof, within six months of his return, but in such case the assessment of taxes shall commence with his return.

Section 5. None but resident members shall be entitled to vote, be eligible to any office in the Lyceum, have the use of the Library or apparatus, be subject to taxation, or have any ownership in any property belonging to the Lyceum; or be furnished with free tickets for any public lectures, unless by a special vote of the Society.

Section 6. Any member shall be entitled to dismission, by requesting it in writing, through the Secretary, and producing a certificate from the Treasurer of payment of all dues to the Lyceum.

Section 7. Any member ceasing to be a resident member, and the death, dismission, or expulsion of a member, thereby relinquishes, terminates, and extinguishes all ownership, and interests of himself, or of any person in his behalf, in and to any property, belonging to the Lyceum, or to him as a member thereof.

Section 8. Any member shall be liable to expulsion or dismission for disorderly or immoral conduct, or for neglecting for one year, to pay his proportion of assessments or taxation. Provided always that a motion to expel or dismiss a member, shall be made at a regular meeting two weeks previous to taking a vote thereon; and no member shall be expelled, or dismissed except by the votes of three-fourths of the members present, at a regular meeting, due notice having been given to the delinquent of the motion pending, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report such delinquencies.

Section 9. Any person who shall have been admitted a resident member, and shall neglect to pay the admission fee, and subscribe to the Constitution within three months from the time of his admission, shall be considered ineligible to membership, unless again propounded and elected.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The Lyceum shall be convened weekly at their room at such time as may be appointed; and every alteration of the time of meeting, shall be recorded one week before it takes effect.

SECTION 2. Eight members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. A special meeting shall be called by the President at any time at the request of eight members : and the Secretary shall notify the members of such meeting.

SECTION 4. At every meeting of the Lyceum, the proceedings of the meeting next previous, shall be read, before the transaction of any other business.

SECTION 5. At the annual meeting, there shall be an Editor and Question Committee elected in addition to the officers named in the Charter.

ARTICLE III.

EXERCISES

SECTION 1. The prominent exercises of the Lyceum shall be Lectures, Debates, Declamations, and a paper.

SECTION 2. On the first Monday evening in each month, there may be a Lecture ; and Debates on the other evenings ; and no person not a member, shall be allowed to lecture, except by a vote of the Lyceum.

SECTION 3, There shall be an Anniversary celebration of the Lyceum, during the first week in January, of every year, when there may be an Oration and Poem,—the Orator and Poet to be elected by the Society, from among its members.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. *President.*—In addition to the duties prescribed in Art. III,of the Constitution, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer, to supply vacancies in the offices and appointments of the Lyceum, until the same are otherwise supplied ; to state the business on record to be transacted ; to announce the exercises for the next meeting ; to sign certificates of membership ; to appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the Society ; and he may at any time supply his place in the chair during debate, but shall resume the same, at the request of three members.

Section 2. *Secretary.*—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make and preserve a record of all donations and loans, with the names of the donors and lenders, and such information relating to donations and loans, as the Lyceum may deem proper; to read the record of the preceeding meeting; to notify candidates of their admission, to give certificates of membership, under the seal of the Lyceum, and at all times to keep a correct list of the Resident Members in alphabetical order, from which list shall be selected the disputants, beginning at the first name on said list, and going through the same in regular order: provided, that the President and Secretary shall always be exempt from performing the duty of disputants.

ARTICLE V.

TAXATION.

The expenses of the Lyceum shall be defrayed by an equal tax on each resident member, not exceeding the sum of four dollars per annum; and no tax shall be collected unless assessed by a vote of the Lyceum, and the Treasurer who shall collect a tax, when so assessed, shall be exempt from the payment of that tax, and the Treasurer may, at any time, employ assistance in collecting said taxes, the assistance so rendered to be paid for, from the Treasury.

ARTICLE VI.

LIBRARY.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Librarian,to enter in a book kept for that purpose, the title of every book in the Library, with the name of the donor or lender.

Sec. 2. No person shall be allowed to take books from the Library, except resident members, without the consent of the Librarian.

Sec. 3. No member shall withdraw a book which he has loaned the Lyceum, without giving the Librarian one week's notice of his intention.

Sec. 4. Books may be taken out and returned at any regular meeting, and if any book be injured, the person on whose account it

is taken out, shall pay such damage as the Librarian with the standing Committee may determine.

Sec. 5. Every member shall be entitled to the use of two volumes and no more at one time ; but may exchange them weekly.

Sec. 6. No member shall retain a book from the Library longer than two weeks, under a penalty of twelve and a half cents, for every subsequent week's retention ; and every book not returned within three months, may be considered lost, and shall be paid for at the apprised value, with the amount of fines due ; and if the book lost belonged to a set, the whole set shall be paid for if required ; and the member on such payment, may take the remaining volumes.

Sec. 7. All books shall be returned one week previous to the Annual meeting.

Sec. 8. In case a book loaned to the Library, shall be lost, the Lyceum shall make good the loss to the owner.

ARTICLE VII.

CABINET AND DEPARTMENTS.

Section 1. The Cabinet and Scientific collections shall be divided into the following departments, viz:—

1. Geology, and Mineralogy.
2. Botany, and Conchology.
3. History, and Antiquities.
4. Mechanics, and Useful Arts.
5. Fine Arts.
6. Phrenology, and Mesmerism.
7. Natural Philosophy, and Chemistry.

Each department shall be placed under the charge of a distinct Committee, to be appointed by the President and Cabinet Keeper, whose duty it shall be to report to the Cabinet Keeper, the state of their respective departments, at least two weeks previous to the Annual meeting.

Sec. 2. All specimens and articles of every kind whatever deposited in the Cabinet, or either of its departments, shall belong to the Lyceum, unless otherwise specified at the time of the deposit.

ARTICLE VIII.

ALTERATION OF LAWS.

Sec. 1. No application shall be made to the General Assembly for any alteration, or amendment of the Charter of this Lyceum, without a motion to make such alteration, or amendment shall have been made, at a regular meeting, and recorded on the journal at least two weeks previous to taking the vote thereon; nor unless it receives the votes of three-fourths of all the members present.

Sec. 2. No By-Law shall be enacted, amended, or repealed, unless on motion made and recorded one week; nor unless two-thirds of those present, vote in favor of such motion.

Sec. 3. Any Rule or Regulation may be enacted, amended, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

FIRST.

The following shall be the order of exercises at all regular meetings of the Lyceum, viz :

1. The proceedings of the previous meeting shall be read, and mistakes, if any, corrected.
2. Declamation.
3. Paper.
4. Declamation.
5. Debate or Lecture.

SECOND.

The ayes and noes shall be entered on the journal at the request of any three members.

THIRD.

When two or more members rise at once, the Presiding Officer shall name the one to speak first.

FOURTH.

Any member on being called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted by the President to explain, and the Lyceum shall if appealed to, decide on the case : but without debate.

FIFTH.

Every member present, when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless excused by the Lyceum.

SIXTH.

When a motion has been made, and carried, in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority, to move for a reconsideration of the same.

SEVENTH.

No motion shall be debated or put, unless the same shall have been seconded : when seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate, and hall be reduced to writing, at the request of the President, or any member.

EIGHTH.

No member shall be allowed to speak on any business before the Society more than ten minutes at a time, nor more than twice during an evening, unless by unanimous consent.

NINTH.

It shall be the duty of the Question Committee to present three or more questions at each meeting, from which the Society shall select one as the regular question for the succeeding evening.

TENTH.

In debating, four disputants. who shall be appointed by the President, shall open each question in the following order: first in the affirmative, and second in the negative: after the question has been opened, any member may have the liberty of making such remarks in relation to it, as he may think proper, and after discussion, the question shall be decided by a vote of the Lyceum.

ELEVENTH.

A motion to adjourn, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate; but a motion to adjourn cannot be repeated until some other business has intervened.

TWELFTH.

It shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, to suspend a rule.

ARTICLE

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Constitution shall go into operation on the meeting (of the Lyceum) next after its adoption.

Sec. 2. All existing Constitutions, laws, rules or regulations of the Lyceum, which are inconsistent with this present Charter, Constitution and By-Laws, are hereby repealed: provided however, that all officers and committees already elected or appointed, shall continue in the discharge of their duties, to such offices as this constitution provides.

LIST OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SOCIETY, WITH THE TIME THEY SEVERALLY CAME INTO OFFICE.

PRESIDENT.		VICE PRESIDENT.	
1831	No records preserved.	1832	George P. Wetmore,
*1832	Levi H. Holden,		S. N. Richmond, Jr.
	Daniel W. Vaughan,	1833	Albert Smith,
1833	William B. Shove,		Levi H. Holden,
	Crawford Nightingale,		Frank Cushing,
1834	Thomas L. Dunnell,	1834	Daniel W. Vaughan,
	William M. Rodman,		Henry C. Whitaker,
1835	William M. Rodman,		Thomas L. Dunnell,
	William C. Allen,	1835	Daniel W. Vaughan,
1836	William C. Allen,	1836	Henry C. Whitaker,
	Henry C. Whitaker,		Daniel W. Vaughan
	Thomas L. Dunnell,		Joseph S. Pitman,
1837	William C. Allen,	1837	William M. Rodman,
1838	Henry C. Whitaker,	1838	William C. Allen,
1839	William C. Allen,	1839	William Knowles,
1840	William Knowles,	1840	Albert Dailey,
1841	Albert Dailey,	1841	Charles Burnett, Jr.,
1842	Richard E. Hamlin,	1842	Edward A. Greene,
1843	Charles Burnett, Jr.,	1843	Henry B, Metcalf,
1844	Thomas L. Dunnell,	1844	Charles H. Mason,
1845	Albert Dailey,	1845	Edward N. Davis.
1847	Henry T. Beckwith,	1846	Henry T. Beckwith,
1849	Albert Harkness.	1847	Richard E. Hamlin,
		1848	Albert Harkness,
		1849	Henry Howard.

SECRETARY.		TREASURER.	
1832	William B. Shove,	1832	Geronimo Urmeneta,
1833	Robert C. Bartlett,		S. N. Richmond, Jr.
	Daniel W. Vaughan,	1833	S. N. Richmond, Jr.
	Levi H. Holden,		Richard E. Hamlin,
	William W. Bishop,	1834	Richard E. Hamlin,
1834	Henry C. Whitaker,		and except Wm. C. Allen
	William M. Rodman,		one quarter, until
	William C. Allen,	1837	Daniel W. Vaughan,
1835	William E. Hamlin,	1838	Henry Lippitt,
	Henry C. Whitaker,	1840	Edward A. Greene,
1836	William M. Rodman,	1842	Albert Dailey,
	William E. Hamlin,	1845	Walter W. Updike,
	Daniel W. Vaughan,	1849	Lyman B. Frieze,
1837	Hosea Ballou, Jr.,		Thomas A. Doyle.
1838	Henry T. Beckwith,		
1839	Richard E. Hamlin,		
1840	Isaac Proud,		
	John Dean,		
1841	Augustus Whitman,		
1842	Henry B. Metcalf,		
1843	William C. Jenckins,		
1844	Edward A. Greene,		
1845	Franklin Chace,		
1846	Samuel A. Bowler,		
	Mark Graves,		
1847	Nathan Stevens,		
1848	Lyman B. Frieze,		
1849	Samuel B. Tobey, Jr.		

* Officers were elected quarterly until 1837.

MEMBERS.

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Note. The following is a list of the Members of the Society, since its commencement, (in the order of their admission) but those in the first part of the list, with few exceptions, do not now take part in its proceedings, though but few of them have regularly withdrawn. In order to make it more complete as regards the founders and earliest members of the Society, a few of them which appear among the corresponding members are also inserted here.

Charles J. Cushing,
William B. Shove,
Daniel A. Jackson,
Levi H. Holden,
Frank Cushing,
Daniel W. Vaughan.
S. N. Richmond, Jr.,
Crawford Nightingale.
George P. Wetmore,
*Geronimo Urmeneta,
William E. Hamlin,
Rufus Waterman,
Robert C. Bartlett,
William W. Bishop,
Albert Smith,
Richard E. Hamlin,
Henry C. Whitaker,
Thomas L. Dunnell,
*William C. Allen,
William M. Rodman,
William M. Cushman,
Albert Dailey,
*George A. Allen,
John T. Fiske,
Henry Lippitt,
Benjamin B. Adams,
Henry T. Beckwith,
Charles J. Wheeler,
*C. Geo. Fenner, 2d
William Knowles,
*Charles Burnett, Jr.,
*Arthur A. Arnold,
Isaac Proud,
Albert P. Ware,
Edward A. Greene,
Edward N, Davis,
James L. King,
Albert J. Jones,
F. H. Richmond,
W. W Updike,
†George Thurber,
†Henry B. Metcalf,
William Whitaker,
Walter C. Simmons,
*James Chace,
Nathan Stevens,
Philip M. Fiske,
Joseph B. Wheelock,
Thomas Earle,
Charles Hart,
†Thomas E. Steere,
Albert D. Lippitt,
Albert S. Gallup,
*Christopher S. Tillinghast,
George H. Willbur,
†James W. Grinnell,
†George L. Collins.
Alfred U. Eldred,
Henry A. Rodman,
*Thomas D. Spencer,
James P. Dockray,
C. C. Spink,
†Benjamin N. Lapham,
William H. Parkhurst,
James E. Cranston,

Benjamin Stevens,
J. H. Martin,
Willard Sayles,
Byron Sprague,
Benj. T. Eames,
Edwin Metcalf,
†Wingate Hayes,
Amasa S. Westcott,
Samuel A. Bowler,
Albert Harkness,
George Bartlett,
Franklin J. Dickman,
*William A. Peckham,
L. B. Frieze,
A. Kennedy,
Thomas C. Greene,
A. A. Hazzard,
†Royal C. Taft,
Henry Howard,
David A. Butts,
William G. Weeden,
Charles E. Boon,
George W. Lewis,
A. C. Howard,
William Sprague, 2d.,
Thomas A. Doyle,
George F. Andrews,
Charles E. Carpenter,
Nathaniel B. Chace,
Charles F. Pike,
John C. Steere,
William G. Chapman,
Allen Greene,
Warrell Shattuck,
Benjamin T. Bourne,
M. W. Cooper,
S. B. Vernon,
Reuben A. Armstrong,
†Thomas Durfee,
Andrew J. Greene,
George E. Carter,
Nathaniel T. Gladding,
Charles W. Jenckes,
Edward G. Hoag,
*James E. Leach,
George Capron,
Charles W. Greene,
George H. Whitney,
James Tillinghast,
J. G. Bixby,
Charles S. Freeborn,
Henry M. Kimball,
John A. Goodwin,
George C. Harkness,
J. A. D. Joslin,
James M. Cross,
Martin P. Buffum,
C. A. Updike,
P. B. Stiness, Jr.,
William Sanford,
William C. Townsend,
P. W. Gardiner, Jr.,
F. N. Seabury,
George G. Richmond,
John Luther,
Fay P. Brown,
Charles F. Philips,
Benjamin F. Latham,
George A. Pierce,
C. H. Mason,
G. W. Barker,
D. W. Wightman,
George Baker,
William G. Badger,
Cyrus G. Dyer,
George A. Leete,
E. D. Vinton,
Christopher Lippitt.

* Deceased. † Withdrawn.

FINE MEMBERS,

Joseph S. Pitman,
Robert Manton,
Charles H. Mason,
Joseph P. Balch,
Charles G. Arnold,
Franklin Chase,
Lewis P. Child,
Christopher C. Potter,
Francis E. Hoppin,
James M. Clarke,
William A. Pierce.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS,

Charles J. Cushing,	Rock River, Illinois.
Frank Cushing,	do.
Levi H. Holden,	U. S. Corps of Surgeons.
Crawford Nightingale,	Chicopee, Mass.
George P. Wetmore,	New York.
William E. Hamlin,	Philadelphia.
Robert C. Bartlett,	New York.
Thomas A. Whitaker,	do.
Thomas L. Randolph,	Portsmouth, R. I.
Hosea Ballou, Jr.,	Mobile, Ala.
Henry C. Dorr,	New York.
Thomas P. Rodman,	Bridgewater, Mass.
John S. Eldridge,	Boston.
John Dean,	do,
Benjamin G. Godfrey,	Philadelphia.
Joseph R. Manton,	Gloucester, Mass.
Aaron C. Chesbrough,	Mobile, Ala.
George W. Chesbrough,	New York State.
William C. Jenkins,	San Francisco.
Augustus Whitman,	Worcester, Mass.
James M. Keith,	Boston.
Mark Graves,	do.
Joshua D. Giddings,	Hartford.
Edward Deey,	New York.
Edwin C. Larned,	Chicago, Ill.
William C. Jillson,	Paris.
Henry B. Brastow,	Stockton, Cal.
William H. Reynolds,	San Francisco, Cal.
LaFayette Burr,	Bristol, R. I.
Isaac Butts, 2d.,	Boston.
Samuel B. Tobey, Jr.,	New York.
Francis Wayland, Jr.,	Worcester, Mass.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

C. W. Scudder,	Boston.
*J. S. Torry,	Harvard University.
John Chandler,	Augusta, Me.
Joseph O. King,	South Hadley, Mass.
Joseph Burnett,	Boston.
Samuel G. Arnold,	Providence.

*Deceased

PUBLIC LECTURES.

The following are the courses of public lectures which have been delivered before the Society.

The first was a course of six lectures by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Esq. on "Human Life," commenced on Friday evening, March 20, 1840, and continued on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, until completed.

The second course commenced February 3, 1842, and continued through that, and the following months, delivered at intervals of about a week, by the following gentlemen :

ELIHU BURRITT, "Self Cultivation, indication of Genius."
ELIHU BURRITT, "History and Character of Roman Patriotism."
HON. JOHN C. PARK, of Boston, "Laws relating to Marriage."
REV. HENRY F. HARRINGTON; "The Romance of American History."
REV. HENRY GILES, four lectures, "Ireland."

The third course commenced in Westminster Hall, November 16 1842, with an Introductory Lecture by Rev. George Putnam of Roxbury, subject "Light," and was continued on each succeeding Wednesday evening, until the termination, by the following gentlemen in the order in which they are named.

REV. JOHN PIERPONT, of Boston "The Education of the Practical Man."
HON. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, "The Social Compact as exemplified in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with remarks on the theories of Hobbes; Filmer, Montesquieu &c., on the origin and nature of Human Government."
HON. HORACE MANN, "Reading."
ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D. "Architecture of the Middle Ages."
RICHARD H. DANA, Jr. "The Foundation of Influence."
REV. HENRY GILES, "The Genius of Byron."
CHARLES EAMES, of New York, "The Spirit of American History."
CHARLES EAMES, of New York, "The American Scholar."
JOHN NEAL, "The North American Indians."
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REV. CONVERSE FRANCIS, D. D. of Watertown, Mass. "Bishop Berkeley's Visit to America."
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The fourth Course commenced in Westminster Hall. Nov. 1, 1843, with an Introductory by Hon. Levi Woodbury, upon "The Progress

of Society." and on each suceeeding Wednesday evening, lectures were delivered by the following named gentlemen.

JARED SPARKS, "Education and Religion in the United States before the Revolution."

HORACE GREELY, "Human Life, embracing thoughts upon Popular Education and Social Relations."

REV. FREDERICK H. HEDGE, "Character and Destiny."

HON. A. H. EVERETT, "The Literary Character of the Scriptures."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, "The Characteristics of New England."

REV. WILLIAM HAGUE, "The Cultivation of Taste."

EDMUND QUINCY, of Boston, "George Fox and the early Quakers."

REV. HENRY GILES, "Daniel O'Connell."

REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D. "Loyalty necessary to Man, and provided for in our system of polity."

WENDELL PHILLIPS, "English Chartism."

From this time several years elapsed until the fifth course was projected, which commenced in Howard Hall, Nov. 10th., 1848, with an Introductory by Hon. Daniel Webster, upon "The Early History of the American Constitution," and was succeeded by lectures on Wednesday evenings, by the following named gentlemen.

THEODORE PARKER, "The Political destiny of America and the Signs of the Times."

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, M. D. "Medicine as it is and as it used to be."

EDWIN P. WHIPPLE, "Mirth."

EDGAR A. POE, of New York, "Selections from English Poetry with critical remarks."

PROFESSOR LOUIS AGASSIZ, of Cambridge, "The Glaciers."

MARK HOPKINS, D. D. President of Williams College, "Method."

REV. ALONZO POTTER, D. D. Bishop of Penn. "The Connection of Science with Religion."

CHARLES SUMNER, "The Law of Human Progress."

HON. S. K. LOTHROP, of Boston, "The Elements of Greatness."

HON. GEORGE S. HILLARD, "Milton's Paradise Lost."

The Sixth Course commenced in Howard Hall, Nov, 28th, 1849, with an Introductory Lecture by Edwin P. Whipple, Esq, of Boston, subject, "Character," and a Poem by Park Benjamin, Esq, of New York, upon "The Age of Gold," followed on each succeeding Tuesday evening by the following named gentlemen,

L. F. A. BUCKINGHAM, of London, "Home Influences."

HON. RUFUS CHOATE, "Mental Culture the true local policy of New England."

MARK HOPKINS, D. D. "The Voluntary and Involuntary Powers of the Mind."

GEORGE VANDENHOFF, of New York, "Readings from Shakespeare."

SAMUEL G. ARNOLD, "The Interior of Peru."

LEONARD WOODS, Jr., D. D. President Bowdoin College, "The Liberties of the Ancient Republics."

PARK BENJAMIN, "The Stage before and behind the Curtain."

HORACE BUSHNELL, D. D. of Hartford, "Life."

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